

Torrance, California
September 23, 1958

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular session at 8:00 P. M. Tuesday, September 23, 1958, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre were: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Drale. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Sgt. Maestri of the Police Department led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Robert Dehn of the First Baptist Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 16, 1958, as written.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

BIDS:

1. Mayor Isen announced that at 10:00 A. M. Wednesday, September 24, 1958, in the Council Chamber, Bids would be opened for: Furnishing and Installation of Chain-Link Fencing for New City Yard, and that the Affidavit of Publication is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

HEARINGS:

1. CASE NO. 528 - Change of Zone.

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Third and Final Hearing before the City Council on petition of the Torrance Planning Commission for a Change of Zone from C-2 to R-3 on Lots 1 through 12 of Tract No. 22712, situated on the north side of 182nd St., east of Casimir Avenue, for the purpose of limiting the residential use of this property.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the Affidavit of Publication. Councilman Benstead moved this be received and filed.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard on this Case, but there was no reply.

Councilman Benstead moved to close the Hearing.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Drale absent).

Councilman Jahn asked to see the letter mentioned in the Planning Commission minutes as a condition of approval.

Planning Technician David Cleveland, acting for Planning Director Powell, did not have a copy of the letter, but stated that R. A. Watt had written the letter to affirm that he would build only 4 units per lot on the land. In reply to a question from Councilman Benstead, Mr. Cleveland said he did not know who would furnish water to this development.

Councilman Blount moved to hold this over until the next meeting so these questions could be answered.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen asked that, as a courtesy to Dr. Appleby who was here and had another meeting to attend, the Council consider the first Resolution on the Agenda as the next order of business.

There were no objections to this.

Councilman Benstead moved that after the Clerk had given the correct number to, and read title of, each Ordinance and Resolution submitted to the Council tonight, further reading of them be dispensed with.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Drales absent).

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3564

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 26TH AND 27TH, 1958, AS "WHITE CANE DAYS" IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3564.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Drales absent).

Mayor Isen said that Dr. Appleby had conveyed the request of the three Lions Clubs in the City to solicit funds in the City on those days named in the Resolution as White Cane Days, namely, September 26 and 27.

Councilman Benstead moved the request be granted.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Drales absent).

Mayor Isen spoke of Junior Citizens' Day, an activity which the City had participated in last year. It was a tremendous success last year, he said, and he suggested that this be made an annual event in Torrance.

Councilman Beasley moved that October 14, 1958, be designated as Junior Citizens' Day in Torrance, and be observed with the usual practices.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

With the permission of the Council, Mayor Isen directed that a letter be sent to the School Board on this.

Mayor Isen commented that Mr. Horlander had handled this last year and had done a wonderful, fine job. In order to ensure that this even be as successful this year as last, he suggested the Council direct or request that Mr. Horlander be given the time to handle this event again to be sure it is a success.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A September 18, 1958, letter from Chief of Police Bennett, and a September 22, 1958, letter from J. J. Benner, Chief Engineer of the Fire Dept., gave the Council their reasons for recommending one-year probationary periods for policemen and firemen. A letter dated September 18, 1958, from the City Attorney, re-submitted a proposed ordinance setting up this one-year probationary period for those classifications as recommended.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1015

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 8.39 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PROVIDE FOR A ONE YEAR PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Ordinance No. 1015 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Drale absent).

Mayor Isen congratulated both the Chiefs, who were present, saying this was good for the Departments and the City.

2. A letter from George Binder, 404 No. Roxbury Drive, Beverly Hills, which was received in the Office of the City Manager on September 15, 1958, contained an offer for the old City Hall property at 1511 Cravens Avenue.

Councilman Blount moved this be filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered, with the comment from the Mayor that the City could not consider any offer of lesser sums than those previously refused.

3. A September 15, 1958, letter from Wm. B. Staiger, Executive Secretary of the Los Angeles County Farm Bureau, 356 So. Broadway, Los Angeles, requested that they be allowed to have a representative from their organization sit, in an advisory capacity, in the preparation of our proposed ordinance covering sanitation of dairy operations.

Mayor Isen took this opportunity to congratulate the Council on their handling of the dairy matter during his recent absence from the City, and said he concurred with their action at that time. He stated that the City must be strict and most vigilant in the enforcement of this proposed ordinance.

No one on the Council objected to a representative of the Farm Bureau attending the sessions of planning for the ordinance.

Councilman Benstead moved the request be granted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

4. A September 15, 1958, letter from O. E. White, Jr., asked what plans, if any, the City had for drainage control near his home at 250 Via Linda Vista, Redondo Beach.

A note on the bottom of the communication was from the City Manager, and said this had been referred to the Public Works Dept. and Engineering Dept.

J. V. Russell, Director of Public Works, said his Department and the Engineering Department have this matter well in hand.

Mayor Isen directed Mr. Russell to write to Mr. White and tell him that this matter had been referred to those Departments by the Council and to advise him of the current situation.

5. A September 16, 1958, letter from Fred M. Arnold, City Clerk of Redondo Beach, contained the original and three duplicate originals and four extra copies of an agreement for the construction of a storm drain at the intersection of the boundary lines of the two cities, in the neighborhood of Paseo de la Playa and Calle Miramar Districts. The agreement also provided that the City of Torrance shall call for sealed bids for the work.

Appended to the letter was a comment from the City Manager, saying the Agreement had been approved by Director of Public Works Russell and City Engineer Bishop.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager if this was his recommendation, and the City Manager replied that this had been what was agreed.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Drale absent).

Councilman Drale joined the meeting at 8:18 P. M.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. In a letter dated September 18, 1958, the City Manager submitted the following recommendations for Council consideration and approval:

PERSONNEL:

That Arthur Moore, Chief Plumbing Inspector, be authorized to attend the Conference of Western Plumbing Officials in Seattle, Washington, October 1 to 3, 1958, with appropriate expenses paid. Mr. Moore will use his vacation time to travel to and from the meeting.

Councilman Jahn asked if Mr. Moore was Chief Plumbing Inspector. Building Superintendent Schlens said he was not, but said he has been attending these conferences for the City for some time. As Mr. Schlens will be away at another Conference very soon, he did not feel he should take the time to attend this one as well.

Mayor Isen pointed out there had been an article in the Redondo Beach Daily Breeze recently extolling the results of such conferences. One instance had been mentioned in the article which had resulted in a saving to a City of about ten thousand dollars. The Mayor believed these conferences to be worth a great deal to the City, and suggested that their worth be recognized by the people responsible.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager under Personnel.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For the purchase of 2,000 pounds of glass beads at 13¢ per pound for street painting, the sum of \$260 plus tax.

2. For the purchase of 300 gallons of white traffic paint at \$2.25 per gallon, the sum of \$675 plus tax. The paint will be purchased from the J. E. Bauer Paint Company. Their paint has proven to be the cheapest and most durable for such work.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager under Appropriations.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. A letter dated September 19, 1958, from the City Manager, read as follows:

"EXTENSION OF ARLINGTON AVENUE TO DEL AMO BOULEVARD

"At the October 10th Council meeting the following recommendation was submitted to your Honorable Body:

"Extension of Arlington Avenue to Del Amo Blvd, A recent report from the Public Works Department indicated that it would be necessary to protect lines of the General Petroleum Corporation and to lower a 16" water main of the Dominguez Water Company in order that the paving of Arlington Avenue could be completed to Del Amo Boulevard.

"It is estimated by General Petroleum Corporation that the cost of protecting their lines will be approximately \$28,000. They are willing to pay half this cost providing the City pays the other half. The cost of lowering the Dominguez Water Company's 16" water main is approximately \$7,000. On each of the above projects the company concerned would perform the work and bill the City for the cost or its share of the cost.

"It has been determined that there are sufficient funds remaining in the special allocation from the County to cover all but \$8,000 of the cost of completing the job. I recommend that \$8,000 be allocated from the unappropriated reserve for the Arlington Avenue project and that immediate steps be taken to have the project completed."

"Subsequent to submitting the above recommendation the Engineering Department received a phone call from the Santa Fe Railway officials, stating that according to P.U.C. requirements flashing light signals would have to be installed at the intersection. The total cost for installing signals and appurtenant work is estimated to be \$15, 133 all of which must be borne by the City of Torrance.

"We are appealing to the P.U.C. to permit the crossing with a less expensive type of protection. We have also learned that there is a possibility that the P.U.C. may reimburse the City for a portion of the cost. Our appeal may not be successful, and in any case considerable time will be involved in reaching a final decision.

"In order to keep the program moving I recommend that the City authorized General Petroleum Corporation and Dominguez Water Corporation to proceed with the necessary work in conjunction with the extension of Arlington Avenue as outlined above. Their work will take considerable time and the matter of the crossing protection should be settled during their construction work."

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

1. A September 12, 1958, letter from Jack Egan, Manager of the Torrance Airport, transmitted to the Council the Airport Commission's recommendations concerning the El Rancho Rolling Hills, Inc., request to lease an additional 50' to the west of their present motel site. Mr. Egan concurred in those recommendations, and requested that if the Council agreed the matter be forwarded to the City Attorney for the drafting of an amendment to the El Rancho Rolling Hills, Inc., lease.

Councilman Blount asked if the Council had not established a policy of receiving recommendations from the Commissions on such matters, but handling the negotiations themselves.

Councilman Drale believed the lease should be negotiated by the Council and the City Attorney.

Councilman Benstead said it looked to him as if they were getting more than 50' from this.

In reply to a question, City Manager Stevens said the price given here is the maximum price established by the appraisal we had ordered and paid for. We have never received this price, the City Manager said, and he added we have not leased any land there for a long time. He said the appraisal is about a year old.

Mayor Isen asked if the price of \$3 is agreeable to the lessee.

The City Attorney thought so, saying he had talked to Mr. Bjorklund.

Mayor Isen pointed out this is three times as much as they pay for their present lease.

This was discussed at some length, and Councilman Jahn illustrated the recommendation with a sketch submitted with the letter.

The City Manager, in response to a query, said 300' is the standard depth to the access road.

Councilman Jahn explained that we had originally planned a service road on the highway, but had changed our plans. The lease had been set back to allow for the service road in front of it, but now we have changed our plans and we want to put the service road in back of the lease. They are trading us the back 50' of their lease, where the service road is planned, for the 50' in front of their

lease which we held for the road we no longer plan to build.

Councilman Blount pointed out that 50' of frontage on the highway as opposed to the other is very valuable.

Councilman Jahn agreed, and said if we do not have to provide a service road it might be different.

Mayor Isen asked if we had agreed to provide a service road.

Councilman Drale asked if they plan to develop the 50' they want at once.

The City Attorney did not have an answer for this.

Councilman Drale said he would want to know when the land will be developed.

There being no objections, Mayor Isen referred this back to the City Attorney to determine when they plan to develop the land and a report as to our responsibility to give them a service road, asking for the reply within 2 weeks.

2. A September 18, 1958, letter from the Airport Manager, Jack Egan, recommended that we proceed with "T" hangar construction as outlined in Mr. Anderson's letter of September 16, 1958. A copy of the letter from Mr. Anderson was submitted to the Council, and the original and revised plans were made available at the meeting for Council inspection. Mr. Egan's letter pointed out that this plan would provide the hangars at a lower cost than the original plan.

Councilman Jahn asked if this revised plan meets the code, and Building Superintendent Schlens said it does.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Manager.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Bldg. Supt. Schlens explained changes in the truss design, saying the new truss is a built up girder in place of webbed type, and the design is such that the engineering design shows they will not allow the doors to sag.

Councilman Blount said he would like to see something there, and requested that the Council make a decision tonight.

The City Manager said he thought Mr. Schlens should explain to the Council how these hangars would be built.

Mr. Schlens said there must be a grade where the hangars are to be built. Mr. Egan had explained that the CAA requires a certain grade on the taxiways, and on access ways to the hangars, and where the hangars are to go, the ground will have a grade of about 1%. That is about the best that can be done without major grading. Unless the buildings are set on foundations, they will have to be on a slight grade, meaning that the vertical members will be at a slight degree off vertical.

Councilman Blount asked that the Airport Manager furnish him a copy of the CAA regulation mentioned here, expressing disbelief that there is such a regulation.

The City Manager thought the real problem is that the row of hangars will front on an existing taxiway. They will be built along this grade to meet our taxiway.

Councilman Blount did not believe the CAA had such a regulation or the authority to require this. He said he would like to see the regulation. He doubted that they even regulated taxiways.

The City Manager said the taxiways are there and we want to build right along the one next these hangars.

Mr. Schlens said in the 13' height of the Anderson hangars, this would mean the buildings would be around 2½" from the vertical, and 3" off in 16'.

Councilman Jahn said we were going to get \$500 off the original price, and he recommended we use that money to set foundations and have the buildings vertical.

Bldg. Supt. Schlens said he understood that if the taxiway between the hangars is at a 1% grade, and we step the buildings, that at the lower end there would be a kick-up into the hangar and the tail section

of tricycle-type planes would not clear it.

Councilman Jahn said he was asking that the foundation be stepped so we won't have that problem.

Mr. Schlens was afraid a stepped foundation for each hangar section would add a lot to the cost of the buildings.

Mayor Isen asked if this could be postponed a week to enable Mr. Schlens to give the Council a full report.

Councilman Bradford asked how much land was involved, and Mr. Schlens was not sure; he thought it was about 250 - 300'. Mr. Schlens told the Council that holding this a week would not solve the problems.

Mayor Isen thought holding it for a week would enable someone to get a good report to the Council on this.

Councilman Jahn thought the Council should concur with the recommendation and solve the problem in the field.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation, subject to the approval of the plans by Bldg. Supt. Schlens and the Airport Manager and Councilmen Jahn and Blount, who are the Council members most expert in the matter.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

3. A September 17, 1958, letter from Jack Egan, Airport Manager, referred to the matter of Vegas Airways' "right of first refusal" on that parcel of land 200' x 215' adjacent to and northerly of their present leasehold. In the letter, Mr. Egan submitted a recommendation of the Airport Committee of the Council that the property be offered to Vegas Airways under the precise terms and conditions as set forth in Paragraph 26 of the Vegas Land Use Agreement, dated May 1, 1954, with no stipulations attached. Mr. Egan also quoted Paragraph 26 of the subject lease for study by the Council.

Mayor Isen said he understood that Vegas had withdrawn their offer to lease that land.

Councilman Beasley explained they had withdrawn it because of the conditions attached to the offer. He told the Council at a meeting of the Airport Committee, Airport Commission, and the Airport Manager this had been discussed, and that is why the letter was now before the Council.

Councilman Jahn agreed, saying the Committee had considered this and this was their recommendation. Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Drale thought that under the term 'first right of refusal', the City must put the property up for lease and then Vegas would have the right to meet the best offer or refuse the lease.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said that was his opinion, and it had been on the Agenda a couple of months ago. He did not believe it would solve this problem, however. He said that in following the terms of the lease, the Council will have to offer that property to Vegas.

Mayor Isen pointed out an investigation had been made and a recommendation was now before the Council.

Councilman Jahn recounted the entire history of this matter. He understood their attorney had told them to withdraw their offer. At the meeting between the Committee and Commission, it had been brought out that because of the way their lease is written, this land had no value to anyone else, as we must maintain it free and clear to them. It was the feeling of the Committee and the Commission that we might just as well get the \$100 per month which we will not get other than by leasing the land to them.

Mayor Isen asked if this meant we would get \$100 a month without giving them anything we do not have to give them now, and Councilman Jahn said yes.

Councilman Bradford had attended the meeting mentioned here as a substitute for Councilman Drale, and he said some suggestion had been made there to use this for tie-downs. The consensus had been that this would not be possible because it would not give them free access, which the lease states they must have.

Councilman Drale thought we had to put the property out for lease and they have to match the best price or let it go.

Mayor Isen explained we have to maintain it for them and cannot offer it to anyone else.

Councilman Blount said Councilman Jahn and the Commission know that section of the lease, but he asked to have this held until he has a chance to read that section of the lease and study it.

There were no objections, and this was ordered to the City Attorney to be put back on the Agenda after copies of the section of Vegas's lease having to do with this land have been furnished to the Council for study.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. Award of Contract - Placement of Slurry Seal. A September 18, 1958, letter from John R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engr. Bishop, contained his recommendation that the contract be awarded to Bailey Construction Co. for placement of slurry seal coat at Torrance Municipal Airport Main Runway, and a double coat on Park and Ward Streets southerly of Pacific Coast Highway. A summary of the bids received was submitted with the letter from Mr. Patrick.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with Mr. Patrick's recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3562

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR
AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT
BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND PHILIP
L. BAILEY, AN INDIVIDUAL.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3562. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. A Sept. 18, 1958, letter from R. W. Bishop, City Engr., contained his recommendation that the Norwalk Asphaltic Concrete, Inc., be awarded the bid for Lomita Blvd. improvement from Crenshaw to Hawthorne Blvd., as they were the lowest responsible bidder. Mr. Bishop submitted an analysis of the bids.

The City Manager said we are still working on the right of way there and he recommended this be held over until the rights of way are settled.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

3. With a letter dated September 18, 1958, the Assistant to the City Engineer submitted to the Council for consideration an easement deed from William J. and Wilma B. Crew for the 2' widening of 230th St. and 27' for future 229th Place. A location sketch was submitted with Mr. Patrick's letter.

Councilman Blount moved the easement be accepted.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

1. A September 3, 1958, report on mileage payments, which had been prepared by J. I. Scharfman, Director of Finance, was re-submitted.

Mayor Isen stated he had originally requested the survey because the County and the Sanitation District have increased their allowances for private cars used on official business. As the members of City

government here use their own cars, he asked if the Council wished to increase our own allowance.

Councilman Jahn moved the report be filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

2. A September 18, 1958, memo from J. I. Scharfman to the City Manager called attention to our lack of a street vacation fee. He recommended that:

- a) The City Council instruct the City Attorney to prepare the necessary legal documents to establish a charge for vacation of City-owned land;
- b) The charge be set at a minimum of \$100;
- c) The charge be collected through the Dept. of Public Works.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Benstead said what if the people who own the abutting property do not want to pay the \$100, what would happen.

The City Attorney replied that normally we would only vacate land at the request of the owner of adjoining property, but that it would be possible for us to waive a fee if we wished.

Mayor Isen suggested we put in a 'catch-all' phrase so that in the City's interest the Council could waive such a fee at their desire.

Councilman Jahn so amended his motion, with the amendment accepted in the second to the motion.

There were no objections, and the motion was ordered carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. A September 17, 1958, letter from Bob Scarborough, Scoutmaster of Troop 732, Boy Scouts of America, contained their request for a free license to sell Halloween candies in Torrance from October 2 to October 30.

A memo from License Inspector Whitacre was appended, recommending the request be granted, and reporting that all necessary applications are on file in the license department. Councilman Jahn moved to concur. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford and carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

1. A September 18, 1958, communication from Planning Director Powell contained the Planning Commission's recommendation on their Case No. 477, Wiegele & Miller Variance. The Planning Commission had recommended that Exhibit "Y", signed by both the City Engineer and the Police Department to indicate their approval, be considered for approval by the Council.

Mr. Cleveland presented Exhibit "Y" to the Council for inspection.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission, with Exhibit "Y" to be made a stipulation of the approval.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. WAIVER - E. J. FERRY, 17105 Falda: A September 18, 1958, letter from Planning Director Powell transmitted the Planning Commission recommendation of approval of the subject application per Exhibit A.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Beasley asked to see Exhibit A, and Mr. Cleveland presented it to the Council.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION:

1. A September 18, 1958, letter from Robert S. Cramer, Chairman of the Park & Recreation Commission, contained that Commission's recommendation that the Council approve sufficient money, about \$17,000 to take care of the first eight items in the report of the Director (copy of report submitted with letter) as absolutely necessary items before the pool is opened next year.

Mayor Isen commented that the report was very interesting.

Councilman Jahn said he had some questions to ask.

Councilman Bradford said he would like to hold this for two weeks.

There were no objections and it was so ordered, with Mayor Isen directing that when this comes back, it should be accompanied with a notification from the City Manager as to where money for this would come from.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM WATER DEPARTMENT:

1. A letter from Angus McVicar, Water Supt., concerned service to 9 lots known as the "Oppenheim Property", being a portion of Lot #5, Tract #9765, City of Torrance, and a copy of a letter from the representative of the owner of the property was submitted with Mr. McVicar's letter. Mr. McVicar reported it would cost us about \$19,000 or more than \$2,000 per lot to serve these nine lots. The Palos Verdes Water Co. has offered to serve the lots from their existing line in Rolling Hills Road, and as this land is adjacent to the City boundary and no further development of the area is possible, Mr. McVicar felt that allowing them to serve this small area would be of more benefit to the City than forcing the owner to spend \$19,000 for water service.

Councilman Jahn said he hated to give these things away, but if it will cost that much to serve the lots he could not see the point in serving them.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Water Dept. Superintendent.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

2. A letter from A. E. McVicar, Supt. of the Water Dept., concerned service to a single residence at 24648 Hawthorne Boulevard, which he said poses a problem. This new home is about 600' from our nearest main in Newton St., though we have an 8" line in the lot where the old Quandt tank was located, which is about 400' away, but from which there is no access to Hawthorne Avenue by an existing or proposed roadway.

Mr. McVicar's letter advised that when the owner first started construction on this home, she was advised that no water was installed in Hawthorne Ave., and that because of the lack of development in the area none was proposed. It was suggested that she install a service on Newton St., and by means of an easement and a pressure tank and pump, service could be obtained until development warranted the main extensions and pumping equipment needed to serve the area. This would probably cost about \$600 plus the cost of water and electricity and would be at her expense.

Mr. McVicar went on to say that Bluff, Mesa and High Sts., which formerly intersected Hawthorne Ave. south of Newton St. have been vacated and there is no access to the area except from Hawthorne Avenue. Until more knowledge of the probable development of the area is available it is impossible to design a water system to serve the entire vacant area. An estimate of the cost of serving some of the lots (about half-way to the top) has been made and involves the use of a hydro-pneumatic system placed on the old tank site and serving through an easement from that site to Hawthorne Avenue. This estimated cost is \$8,300 and includes 400' of pipe in Hawthorne Ave. plus 300' of pipe in the easement. Further main extensions would be at extra cost.

In his letter, Mr. McVicar said he believed that from seeing the cost of serving this one house the Council could tell this would be far more than the revenue obtained even though a few more homes might be built immediately. He could not see any equitable way of spreading the cost over the entire area because of lack of concrete information.

Mr. McVicar asked for advice from the Council in this matter.

Councilman Beasley informed the rest of the Council that this entire area has very low pressure, and he said that quite a few homes there do not have sufficient volume and have complained to the Council about this over a period of the past year or two. He felt this should have close study because other lots there might be developed if they could get water. He believed the people should have better water service in that area. He thought the cost mentioned here would help the surrounding area he firmly believed something should be done.

Mr. McVicar explained that this home is up the hill from any others in the area, and is in an undeveloped area. Many of the homes have had low or poor pressure out there because their lines have been clogged by roots, etc. There have been extreme periods of hours or days when the water pressure has been low, but not for very long.

Mr. McVicar went on to say this letter concerned service to a single home. The cost of electricity alone for pumping would be excessive. He said we will eventually have to design something to serve the entire area.

Councilman Beasley said he knew of people out there who want to develop their land and can't until they have water.

Mr. McVicar felt if we develop this for one house, we should be able to develop for the whole area, but he explained again that it is not possible to design for an unknown development.

Councilman Beasley said something should be done to give better water service.

Mr. McVicar said he would not agree under present circumstances. In reply to a question from the Mayor, Mr. McVicar said the house in question is almost complete.

Councilman Beasley said it is only about 50' from a house we now serve with water.

Mr. McVicar said it is 50' higher, as well.

Councilman Beasley said our reservoir is too low.

Mr. McVicar said it is set where it is for a special reason. We are pumping into high areas now. He reiterated that we were talking about a single residence and one where the builder was told that this problem existed before construction began. He said he did not know how we would handle this as the area will develop independently. He thought perhaps we would have to put a tank on top of the hill.

Councilman Beasley thought we should do that.

Councilman Jahn said after looking at the property and reading Mr. McVicar's letter, he didn't think there was anything to be done. He thought the person who has built the house would have to buy a pump. He said the lots are already subdivided. He believed we should begin designing a system now to serve that area, and subordinate the cost for each lot so we can provide service and go ahead.

Mr. McVicar said under our normal rules, we would charge the subdivider or anyone else who moves in there for the mains.

Councilman Jahn said there will be no subdivision there. The land will be developed by individuals and in each case we will have to charge the individual lot owner. He thought this should be done now.

Mr. McVicar said that cost would be high for the average individual.

This matter was discussed further along these same lines.

Councilman Dralle did not see how these people could get a permit to build if there was no water service. He felt this lady had built the house and we should give her water service.

Mr. McVicar repeated that she had been told about this before construction began.

Councilman Drale felt if we could not give her water we should not have issued her a permit. She got a permit and we should give her water.

Mr. McVicar said the Gas Company operates as we do in this.

Councilman Drale asked if the home could be served by Palos Verdes.

Mr. McVicar said it would cost them more to serve her than it would cost us.

Councilman Beasley felt we should have long range plans to serve the area.

Mayor Isen said he would like to hold this for two weeks at the request of Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Benstead said people won't build there until they have water service, and asked what we are going to do.

Mayor Isen suggested looking into this, and that in the meantime Mr. McVicar give the Council several alternate plans.

Councilman Beasley said we would have to give the people service even at the expense of the City.

The pros and cons of this were discussed, with Councilman Blount saying he did not think the City should improve lots for private land-owners.

The matter was ordered held for two weeks, with Mr. McVicar to prepare the alternate plans requested.

At 9:00 Mayor Isen declared a recess, and the Council re-convened at 9:15 P. M.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. A letter dated September 18, 1958, from City Attorney Remel-meyer, contained the recommendation of the Airport Commission, the City Manager and the Airport Manager that the farming lease of Ardanaz Brothers at Torrance Municipal Airport be put on a share-crop basis. The acreage on the Airport is indeterminate, and sometimes changes. The percentage rental method is considered more equitable to the lessee and may yield a higher rental to the City. This is also the method used at other Airports for similar leases.

Councilman Drale asked if this could be changed to specify either a set fee or a percentage, whichever is higher.

The City Manager said this rental now, on a negotiated basis, is down to about \$3,000 per year. The acreage has been cut greatly.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with this recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3563

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND ATTESTING OF THAT CERTAIN FARMING AGREEMENT BETWEEN R. F. ARDANAZ AND D. B. ARDANAZ DOING BUSINESS AS ARDANAZ BROTHERS AND THE CITY.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3563.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

RESOLUTIONS:

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 3565

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THE STATE DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS TO IMMEDIATELY COMPLETE PLANS AND INSTALL ELECTRIC TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL LIGHTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF 174TH STREET AND ARLINGTON AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Blount pointed out that the Council had ordered this to be sent to the proper people forthwith at the time the Resolution was requested to be written.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3565.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen asked if there isn't anything we can do to hurry up the State in such matters, saying he thought we should look into this to see. He recalled that we have had fatalities, parents' brigades, and other extremeties before any action was taken by the State in cases where we have requested traffic control.

Councilman Blount said copies of this will go to the officials who are responsible, but offered to call upon them with a delegation of Councilmen, residents of the area involved, etc., if the Council wished this done.

Councilman Benstead thought we should investigate the method used by Redondo Beach, saying they seem to get the signals they need in a hurry.

Councilman Beasley said he had been told by a person rather high in the State that this would be speeded up if we had the Chief of Police put portable signals on the State Highways. The person had told Councilman Beasley that the State men would get out to the point involved very quickly in such circumstances.

Councilman Blount said they would just haul away the portable signal.

Mayor Isen pointed out that inaction, rather than action, in such cases, is criminal. He said 174th Street bears a very heavy traffic load. 3-phase signals, allowing for left-hand turns, are needed there on the main intersections. He explained to those interested persons that the City had been trying to get a signal at that corner before the recent tragedy there occurred.

Councilman Benstead suggested we send this Resolution in to the proper persons and then have another prepared embodying those suggestions of the Mayor.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen asked the Council whether it was their opinion that 174th Street, in the City of Torrance, should be called Artesia Blvd., as it is called in the areas east of the City. He said he asked this in the interests of uniformity of street names.

Councilman Blount did not think so, saying that a change of the street name would work a great inconvenience upon those people living on 174th St. in the City, involving address changes on all papers, registrations, etc.

Councilman Blount pointed out that the street is called Gould Lane in Redondo Beach, and by some other name in Orange County.

Mayor Isen said another street in the City has two names, Anza and Valerie. He asked why, saying uniformity should be observed where possible. As Anza is a major street, the Mayor thought this name should follow the street through the City.

Councilman Beasley suggested this be referred to the Planning Commission.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

ORDINANCES:

1. A September 18, 1958, letter from the City Attorney re-submitted the proposed Airport Commission Ordinance, and presented to the Council information they had requested as to the length of terms of the present Airport Commissioners.

Councilman Beasley explained he had sought this information as he believed the ordinance would lengthen the terms of the present Commissions.

The City Attorney said this Ordinance would bring the Commission into line with the other City Commissions. He explained that he has set these up so the terms begin and end on January 15.

Councilman Blount didn't think that was necessary.

Councilman Jahn thought we should just add one year and leave the terms as originally set.

The proposed ordinance was referred back to the City Attorney with the consent of the Council to the suggestion made by Councilman Jahn.

2. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1000 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE WHICH ESTABLISHED CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR NEW TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 1017 at its first and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to Ordinance No. 1018, submitted by the City Attorney as directed by the Council on April 29, 1958.

ORDINANCE NO. 1018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE III TO CHAPTER 10 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PROVIDE FOR A SPECIAL FUND TO BE KNOWN AS "SPECIAL DEPOSITS FUND."

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Ordinance No. 1018 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. With a letter dated September 17, 1958, the City Attorney submitted to the Council an Ordinance requiring all property presently used for parking lots to be hard surfaced except when such property is used for residential parking. This ordinance was recommended by the City Attorney and the Staff after investigation of a request from Councilman Benstead made at the Council meeting of July 29, 1958.

Mayor Isen asked why it was necessary to reprint the entire ordinance to make one small change.

The City Attorney said it is a general rule of law. He hoped that it would be possible later to codify the Land Use Ordinance so when changes in it are made we will not have to reprint such large sections.

Councilman Drale asked if the Ordinance would be retroactive.

The City Attorney thought this form advisable. He pointed out that anyone who wished to do so might apply to the Council for a Variance, and each case might be determined on its own merits.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SUBSECTION "I" OF SECTION 15, APPENDIX I, OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO PROVISIONS FOR OFF-STREET PARKING AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW PROVISION THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Jahn moved for approval of Ordinance No. 1019 at its first reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Mayor Isen repeated that he was unhappy about having to reprint the Ordinance to change only half-a-dozen words.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Jahn and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

5. With a cover letter dated September 18, 1958, Planning Director Powell submitted the Ordinance reclassifying the property in Case No. 490, as approved by the Council.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 490.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1020 at its first reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. With a cover letter dated September 18, 1958, Planning Director Powell submitted an Ordinance reclassifying the property described in Case No. 503, as approved by the Council.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1021

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 503.

Councilman Beasley moved for approval of Ordinance No. 1021 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

7. With a letter dated September 18, 1958, the Planning Director submitted an ordinance reclassifying the property described in Case No. 497, as approved by the Council.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 497.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Ordinance No. 1022 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

8. With a cover letter dated September 18, 1958, Planning Director Powell submitted an ordinance reclassifying the property described in Case No. 508, previously approved by the Council.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 508.

Councilman Beasley moved for approval of Ordinance No. 1023 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

9. With a cover letter dated September 18, 1958, the Planning Director submitted an ordinance reclassifying the property described in Case No. 510, as previously approved by the Council.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 510.

Councilman Jahn moved for approval of Ordinance No. 1024 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

10. With a cover letter dated September 18, 1958, the Planning Director submitted an ordinance reclassifying that property described in Case No. 512, as approved by the Council.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 512.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1025 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

11. With a cover letter dated September 18, 1958, Planning Director Powell submitted an ordinance reclassifying the property described in Case No. 522, as approved by the Council.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 522.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1026 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

12. With a cover letter dated September 18, 1958, Planning Director Powell submitted an ordinance reclassifying that property described in Case No. 529, as approved by the Council.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1027

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 529.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1027 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of October 6th through October 10th, 1958, as "TORRANCE COUNCIL PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP WEEK", with full concurrence of the Council.

ADDENDA TO THE AGENDA:

1. A memorandum from Donald W. Mansfield to Geo. W. Stevens, City Manager, conveyed to the Council the Bus Superintendent's recommendation that the bid of McAlpine & Redfearn be accepted for the Twin Post Hoist Bid. The price quoted by McAlpine & Redfearn is \$3,389 versus the lowest bid of \$3168 (a difference of \$221).

The memorandum listed the differences between the two items, and pointed out that the lower bidder did not meet the specifications.

Councilman Jahn had read this, and he agreed with the Bus Superintendent's recommendation.

Mr. Mansfield gave the Council an oral amplification of the differences between the two machines.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Bus Superintendent.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

A letter from Sidney Hoedemaker, which had been discussed at the Pre-Council meeting, was referred to the Agenda of the next meeting of the Council.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A September 22, 1958, letter from Jefferson, Inc., signed by Albert Levitt, President, requested the return of their \$25,000 security deposit with the City, and gave the reasons for this request.

Councilman Jahn moved to deny the request and file it, saying he believed we would put ourselves in a precarious position by releasing the bond.

Councilman Blount seconded the motion, saying he agreed with Councilman Jahn that this should be filed.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

2. A letter dated September 18, 1958, from the City of El Segundo, signed by Mayor Kenneth R. Benfield, invited the Mayor and Councilmen to attend Dedication Ceremonies for their new Community Recreation Center at 300 Pine Avenue, El Segundo, September 27, 1958, at 2:00 P. M.

This was ordered filed, as there were no objections.

3. A letter dated September 18, 1958, from L. S. Hollinger, Chief Administrative Officer of the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, signed by J. R. Leach, Asst., invited the City to be represented at a meeting. The meeting includes representatives of the court, the bar, and the cities concerned with the Superior Court Districts, and will be held at 7:30 P. M. Wednesday, October 1, 1958, in Department A - Long Beach Superior Court, 100 East Ocean Blvd., Long Beach.

The Mayor spoke to the City Attorney about this, saying he thought a letter expressing our views would serve us. He said the responsible persons are aware that we want to be in the South Bay District.

The City Attorney believed others were in agreement with us on that point, and he thought we would get into the Inglewood District.

The Mayor instructed the City Attorney to write the proper letter, as there were no objections.

RESOLUTIONS:

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3566

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN JOINT TENANCY GRANT DEED TO MAX JOLLES AND ROSE JOLLES.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3566.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3567

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN GRANT DEED TO FRANZ N. MERRALLS.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3567.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Blount asked whether, in case of litigation, we would be liable to the wife of Mr. Merralls, and why we could not get a quit claim from her.

Mr. Mansfield suggested that could be required as a part of the escrow.

As there were no objections, this was ordered held for a quit claim from the wife or a change in the instructions on the grant deed.

Councilman Jahn withdrew his motion to adopt the Resolution, and Councilman Drale withdrew his second.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The City Manager reported that Mr. Sol Burns wants to build a restaurant on his property adjacent to his car wash; the plans are ready and have been approved, and then it was found that in a recent ordinance on M-1 property, restaurant use had been left out, and was not listed as approved use of M-1 property. Mr. Burns wants to go ahead with the restaurant, knowing this was not the intention of the City; he has signed a letter saying he will not ask for final inspection of the restaurant until this has been cleared up.

Councilman Drale moved the request be granted.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The City Manager brought up a policy matter on weed abatement. He said we had posted about 900 lots, and the owners had cleaned about half of them and our contractor had cleaned the rest. He will finish his program in about a week. Since the weed abatement program was begun, there are about 100 lots which have grown up with weeds and which need to be cleaned. He asked whether it was the policy of the Council to extend the program to include those lots or to bring the program to a close.

The Council was in accord, and Mayor Isen directed the City Manager to have our contractor proceed and to post and clean the 100 pieces of property mentioned.

The City Manager said the A. M. A. Conference will be held November 30 to December 3 this year, and during the coming week if those who plan to attend will let him know, he will make the reservations.

Director of Public Works Russell had two items to present.

1. He said we have been trying to get into the new City Yard during the coming week, and he believed we would have some equipment in there by the end of the week. We had been forced to wait quite a while for some of the easements, and we must connect the sewer in Madrona, for which we now have a license from the Santa Fe. This will go under their tracks. We have had informal bids which run a little higher than we had thought they would. We had asked for 6 bids, and got only 2 replies. If we have to go to formal bids, we will not get the sewers connected for at least a month thereafter. The lowest bid we got was for \$3,000 and he asked to have permission to go ahead with this item and get it completed.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur if this conformed with Charter provisions according to the City Attorney.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. Mr. Russell said he had gotten prices on lumber which was needed for offices and certain other construction at the new City Yard, and it ran about \$18,000 which he considered too much. We have now planned to use a different method. He said it had been agreed to use 5/8" sheetrock instead of plastering, and we will only use plaster where it is necessary for sanitary purposes. The lowest bidder for the supplies we must have was the Joslin Lumber Company.

Mr. Russoll recommended we accept their bid of \$1407.87.

Councilman Jahn moved the bid of Joslin be accepted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The City Manager said a few weeks ago Councilman Jahn had asked him for information on the realignment of Cabrillo and Torrance Blvd. to widen the parking lots there. He had the plans now, and it is estimated this will cost between 10 and 11 thousand dollars, but he said we would gain more parking for the cost than in any other such acquisition. He thought if we plan to do this, we should go ahead so it will be available for the Christmas traffic.

There were no objections, and the City Manager was directed to put this on the Agenda for the next meeting.

In response to a question, the City Manager said at least a part of the money needed could come from parking meter funds.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented a request from Del Nadeau, for the Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce, asking for a free license for the floodlights for the 'Mad Midnight' event the merchants plan for next Saturday night.

Councilman Jahn moved the request be granted.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Bradford. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented a similar request for a free license for vending cotton candy from Mr. Nadeau for the same group.

Councilman Jahn moved this request be granted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Bradford. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Beasley reported the details of a meeting with a Committee of the State Legislature in Inglewood. This had been about the San Diego Freeway, and about 10 cities were represented there as well as the Inter-Cities Highways Committee. Councilman Beasley said that during the meeting, and for the record, Chief Engineer Tilford of the Seventh Highway District had stated it was his opinion the San Diego Freeway would be connected from Jefferson and Sepulveda to the Marine Base south of Santa Ana within the next four years. Councilman Beasley, as a result of the meeting, believed the Harbor Freeway would be completed as far as 190th Street within the next two or two and one-half years. He felt this to be a great stride forward.

Councilman Beasley presented an invitation from the Reverend Wendell Hook of the Walteria Methodist Church inviting the Councilmen to attend their ground-breaking next Sunday morning at 9:30 A. M.

Councilman Benstead referred to a petition sent to the Council not long ago by residents in the area near Crenshaw and Torrance Blvd. The petition had protested against issuance of a liquor license on Crenshaw near Torrance Blvd., and had been referred by the Council to the proper State Board. He asked if the people who had circulated this petition had been notified that a hearing would be held on the

license, and he moved they be notified.

Councilman Bradford seconded the motion.

Councilman Jahn thought the Alcohol Board of Control had interpreted our referral as a protest from the City, and it was not. He moved they be so notified.

There were no objections to either motion, and they were ordered carried.

Councilman Jahn said we had not protested this issuance of a liquor license, and he thought the City Attorney should write to the Board and inform them of this, and he so moved.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Blount asked what the result was of the discussion of a drag-line with a boom which was held at the last meeting.

The City Manager said the price quoted was for a hoist only. We had gone ahead with the work using the lowest bidder for the machine we needed.

Mayor Isen said it had been his privilege to attend the United States Conference of Mayors, and he had been glad to go. Some of the pointers and guides he gained from the meeting will be brought out from time to time, although he said he was not ready to give a full report tonight. He said he and Mrs. Isen had stayed in New Orleans shortly as the guest of the City Manager, and had been pictured in one of the large local dailies, which he felt would advertise our City.

Mayor Isen reported that from all indications at the Conference, the Dade County Plan is failing. He reported on an almost outright breakdown of the plan, and that cities are withdrawing from the participation they had in the plan. In Miami, an election will be held September 30, and it is believed the City will withdraw from participation in the plan.

Mayor Isen gave the Councilmen copies of a speech made at the Conference by the Mayor of Miami Beach, saying it would be of great interest to them.

Concerning the Water Commission, Mayor Isen proposed that the members be chosen and the Commission get under way informally as soon as possible, and if necessary before the Ordinance becomes effective. He outlined the method he had suggested of each Councilman writing a name on a slip of paper, and if they wish a quick resume of the nominee's qualifications, and he asked that these be left with the City Manager during the next week. Then at the next meeting of the City Council, the names of 5 nominees will be drawn from a hat and each can be passed on by the entire Council.

The City Attorney said the Ordinance would be effective 30 days from the meeting of the Council held September 16, when the Ordinance was adopted.

Everyone on the Council was in agreement on this, and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen said the American Municipal Association had a report on our Civil Defense and the general apathy with which it is regarded, despite the terrific world tension which exists. Our own area is one of the worst offenders in this respect.

Mayor Isen thought this was important enough to deserve correction and attention. He suggested that we act as trail-blazers in this and appoint a Commission consisting of 5 public-spirited citizens to get this under way and fight the apathy of the public. The job of the members of the Commission would be to consider Civil Defense and Disaster, the means of financing needed relief, the location of bomb shelters, etc. He asked the Council to consider this.

Councilman Bradford said he would like it.

Mayor Isen moved the City Attorney work along those lines to prepare the proper Ordinance and present it to the Council for study. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen, in accord with past policy, had presented the name of Richard Sagrillo, 24474 Winlock Drive to fill the vacancy existing on the Civil Service Commission. He asked now for a poll of the Council on the appointment.

The appointment was approved by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale announced he had voted against this because he believed our present Ordinance to be unconstitutional and against the Charter of the City, and not because he felt that Mr. Sagrillo could not do the job.

Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk of the City of
Torrance, California

By

Dale Whitacre
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance